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CIA Man & Wife Team Die in London Accident

LONDON—A man and wife killed Monday in an accident in Piccadilly were employees of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, it was learned today.

The deaths were immediately reported to M.I.6 — British equivalent of the CIA—and American embassy security officials. They quickly confirmed there was no reason to suspect any more than an accident.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Collins, both 59, of Washington, were on the second day of a month's European vacation.

They had worked for the CIA since 1951 in "reasonable administrative positions at headquarters."

They were crossing Piccadilly on foot when they were killed. A truck belonging to a West Kensington paper bag manufacturer was involvd. An official of the firm said: "Our driver had just come out of the Hyde Park Corner underpass. Suddenly they were in front of him. He didn't even have time to brake."

Police think they may have forgotten that traffic here drives on the opposite side of the road from the U. S.—and looked left instead of right before stepping off the pavement.

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